

their communities a better place to live and work. Bud Gordon is one of these individuals. On January 16, 2014, Bud will receive a prestigious honor when the Corona Chamber of Commerce gives him the Lifetime Achievement Award at the organization's annual awards and installation gala at the Eagle Glen Golf Club.

One of Bud's greatest achievements has been bringing immense growth in the region. He is the visionary behind the Gordon Automotive Group which includes several automotive dealerships throughout Riverside County and greater Southern California. Bud's commitment is seen especially at the Gordon Automotives Group's Headquarters, Quality Toyota of Corona, which carries the guiding principle of delivering service that is caring, defect-free, and timely. He has helped add numerous jobs in the area which has strengthened and bettered the economy in a profound way.

Bud is not only an innovative businessman, but also an active community member and has spent his life giving back in any way he can. Bud founded and formed the At Risk Children Angel Foundation in conjunction with members of the Corona Police Department to help supply local at risk children with sports equipment, registration fees, and even basic necessities. He has also been an active supporter of the Happy Hairston Youth Foundation, where he both raised and donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to help disadvantaged youth achieve their goals and pursue their dreams.

Inspired by his daughter, Bud also created a variety of educational programs to motivate and inform students in the community. He re-created the Oval Office at his Corona headquarters, forming the Quality Toyota West Wing, which has served over 195,000 students who have participated in the 2½-hour educational learning experience offered there. Bud also recognized a need for a hands-on trade school training facility, and thus, Uncle Bud's Automotive Museum was born. The Museum offers "A Journey Through Automotive History," where students can both see and feel the history of the automobile and hear from docents regarding the variety of careers offered in the automotive industry.

Bud's passion and leadership are contagious and when it comes to commitment, he makes sure to match his words with his actions. He is a tireless supporter of the Settlement House, which provides food to the needy, the Trauma Intervention Program, the Alternatives to Domestic Violence Program, and various organizations supporting local schools.

In light of all he has done for the community of Corona, the Corona Chamber of Commerce has given him their Lifetime Achievement Award. Bud's tireless passion for service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona, California. He has been the heart and soul of many organizations and events and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he receives this prestigious award.

HONORING D.W. JOHNSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a veteran, Mr. D.W. Johnson. D.W. has shown what can be done through tenacity, dedication, and a desire to serve others.

Mr. D.W. Johnson, a native of Cary, Mississippi was born May 23, 1947, the third child born to Kate Turner and James Johnson. He graduated in 1966 from Henry Weathers High School.

In May 1968 Mr. Johnson was drafted to the Vietnam War. He went to Vietnam in October of 1968 and he received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army in 1970. After being discharged from the Army he accepted a job at Miller Transporters, Inc. in 1973 until retirement in 2003. He joined the Mississippi National Guard in 1974. While serving in the National Guard he was deployed to Desert Storm in December, 1990 until May, 1991. In 1995 D.W. retired from the MS National Guard after serving over twenty years.

Mr. Johnson began his political career in November 1995 when he was elected as the Sharkey County Supervisor for District Two for eight years. Then in November 2004 he was elected as the Sharkey County Election Commissioner until he resigned in August 2011.

Mr. Johnson is a deacon at Guiding Star M. B. Church which he joined in 1974. He is thoroughly involved in the community. He transports the elderly and veterans to the doctor. He is a member of the Men's Fellowship which meets every Saturday to discuss community issues. He is a member of the South Delta High School Booster Club.

On October 12, 1968 Mr. Johnson married Dorothy Mae Watley and to that union they have two children: Tonia L. Ross and David L. Johnson. He has three grandchildren, Paris, Paul, and David, II.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. D.W. Johnson for his passion and dedication to serving our great Country and desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

HONORING NICK GOEPPER

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nick Goepper of Lawrenceburg, Indiana on qualifying to represent the United States in the 22nd Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia in the event of Freeski Slopestyle.

Nick has distinguished himself as one of the world's most premier athletes in Freeski Slopestyle, placing first in an U.S. Olympic selection event in Breckenridge, Colorado and placing second at a separate selection event in Copper Mountain, Colorado. Nick's hard work and dedication has enabled him to excel among his competitors, putting him in the most elite category of athletes.

It brings me great pride knowing that such a hard working athlete will not only be rep-

resenting the United States, but also Indiana's 6th Congressional District, in one of the most treasured and sacred events in all of sports.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating Nick Goepper in his selection to the United States Olympic team and wishing him continued success and health in the 22nd Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, due to flight delays beyond my control, I missed one recorded vote on January 7. I would like to indicate at this point how I would have voted had I been present for that vote.

On rollcall No. 1, establishing a quorum in the House of Representatives for the Second Session of the 113th Congress, I would have voted "present."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on January 13, 2014, I missed two recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 12 and "yea" on rollcall 13.

HONORING LT. JUANITA MITCHELL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a hardworking and self motivated woman, Lt. Juanita Mitchell.

Lt. Juanita Mitchell, a native of Mississippi, was born on May 30, 1972 in Lexington, Mississippi. She is the daughter of Mr. Jerry and Deloris Greer.

Lt. Mitchell is married to Shannon Mitchell and they have three children: Shannon, Ayanna and Tynishiwa. She has taught her kids as well as herself to study hard, pray and to excel for positive things in life to succeed for a promising future.

Lt. Mitchell received her education in the Holmes County Public School Systems, where she received her High School Diploma from Tchula Attendance Center in 1990.

Lt. Mitchell began her Law enforcement Career at the Holmes Humphrey's Correctional Facility in February 2000 and was given the duties as being a Correctional Officer as well as fulfilling the duties of being the Acting Sergeant for that shift. In 2004 she became a part time 911 Dispatcher for the Holmes County Sheriff Department.

Lt. Mitchell received a Promotion to become Holmes County Deputy Sheriff in April 2005. She attended the Mississippi Delta Community

College Law Enforcement Training Academy in October, 2005 where she received her Law Enforcement Certification.

In 2008 Lt. Mitchell became the first female Criminal Investigator and in the year 2012 she became the first female Lieutenant for that Department.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dynamic woman, Lt. Juanita Mitchell for her dedication to the community and the law enforcement.

HONORING WILLIE STEVENSON GLANTON

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Willie Stevenson Glanton on her tireless efforts throughout her life to break down race and gender barriers and pave the way for many Americans. Willie Stevenson Glanton has been dedicated to the law, human services, and civil rights.

Willie has been a champion for women and minorities throughout her entire life. She was only the second African American woman admitted to practice law in the State of Iowa, along with becoming the first African American woman to be appointed as a city clerk, assistant county attorney, and the first African American female to be elected to the Iowa State Legislature. In addition to her many achievements, Willie is the first woman and first African American to be elected president of the Iowa Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. She "wanted to make an impact for black and women's rights, which are historically intertwined," and "felt that our black children needed more black images in politics to stir their interests."

With all of her achievements, another great success was her 50-year marriage to the love of her life, the late Luther T. Glanton Jr. who was also a pioneer for African Americans by becoming Iowa's first district judge. A thrilling day for my family was when Judge Glanton spoke at my sister's high school graduation in 1973.

As such an important symbol of justice, the Willie Stevenson Glanton Award was established to recognize a lawyer who exemplifies Willie's spirit to help others, reach back, and help his or her community. Recipients are honored for working toward the goal of improving their community, whether through a commitment to public service, legislative initiatives, professional activities, or community activities. They must demonstrate a commitment to advocacy and activism in the spirit of Willie's devotion to "free up people."

Willie is an example of a leader who has worked tirelessly to make her community, her state, and her country a better place to live. She is a true example of hard work, determination and a good heart, and shows us that we can achieve so much and improve the lives of so many individuals directly and indirectly. Willie, on behalf of Iowans and Americans, you make us proud.

SUPERFUND REINVESTMENT ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, last week, the House passed legislation to weaken and fragment the already underfunded federal Superfund program. This was a step in the wrong direction. Today, joined by 15 original cosponsors, I am reintroducing legislation to reauthorize Superfund taxes on polluting industries; provide more funds to clean up toxic waste sites; and relieve much of the funding burden currently shouldered by taxpayers through general revenue funds.

Across the country there are 1,321 severely polluted superfund sites, some federal and some private. These sites threaten humans with exposure to toxics such as arsenic, benzene, PCBs, mercury and a wide range of solvents, resulting in health problems such as infertility, low birth weight, birth defects, leukemia and respiratory difficulties.

Passed by Congress in 1980, the Superfund program has resulted in the cleanup of more than 1,000 toxic waste sites in communities all over the U.S., freeing residents from health risks and fears that come from living close to toxic waste. In the majority of cases, EPA works with the parties who have been found responsible for the pollution and they pay for the cleanup. However, at some sites, those responsible for the pollution cannot be found or do not have the ability to pay, and the government pays for the cleanup. Historically, the Superfund trust fund was used for this process, which was supported by taxes on petroleum products and chemicals. Because Congress has not reauthorized these Superfund taxes since 1995, the trust fund was depleted and the funding source for the cleanup of orphan sites has shifted primarily to general funds.

The Superfund Reinvestment Act will reinstate Superfund taxes to their previous levels, including excise taxes of \$.097 per barrel on crude oil or refined oil products, excise taxes of \$.22 to \$.487 per ton on certain chemicals, and a corporate environmental income tax of .12 percent on a corporation's modified alternative minimum taxable income that exceeds \$2 million. This legislation also includes language to guarantee that money from the Trust Fund is only spent on Superfund cleanups.

I urge my colleagues to join me in working to strengthen the Superfund program by ensuring that polluters continue to pay. This will go a long way towards cleaning up America's most toxic waste sites, and helping to keep our communities and our families safe, healthy, and economically secure.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained yesterday and missed roll Nos. 12 and 13. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on roll Nos. 12 and 13.

A RECOGNITION OF MR. CRAIG RAGG

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend and longtime Castro Valley Resident, Mr. Craig Ragg. This month, Craig will complete his term serving as the 2013 President of the Bay East Association of Realtors, where he has also served on the Board of Directors since 2008 and as Treasurer in 2011.

Craig has worked since 1977 as a Licensed Real Estate Agent, Broker, and Realtor. Throughout his career, Craig has been actively involved as a leader in the real estate profession, and he has always made time to invest in his community.

A National Association of Realtors Leadership Academy Graduate, Craig is an active member of the real estate community at the national, state, and local level. Craig served as a member of the National Association of Realtors Committees on Land Use and Consumer Communication, as well as the California Association of Realtors Federal Committee, Taxation Committee, and Housing Affordability Fund Committee. Craig also has served on the Board of Directors of the California Association of Realtors since 2010.

Over the course of his career, Craig often has been recognized for his efforts in the community. In 1990 and 2009, Craig was honored as Bay East Realtor of the Year. He also was the recipient of the John Dadrach Distinguished Service Award in 2006, and again in 2008.

Craig also has honorably served his country. Craig served in the United States Air Force from 1968 to 1972. Craig has served on the Eden Medical Foundation Board of Directors since 2004, and he spent 1988 to 1996 giving back to his community by serving on the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council.

Mr. Speaker, Realtors are an important part of every community, as they enable the American dream of home ownership. I want to thank Craig for his service and his contributions to the East Bay. I wish him the best of luck as he continues to play an important role in the lives of East Bay residents.

HONORING ROBERT H. QUINN, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. Thompson of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Robert H. Quinn, Jr., who is a remarkable investigator and public servant.

Mr. Robert H. Quinn, Jr. was born in Clay County, Mississippi on May 26, 1954 to Nellie Rene and Robert H. Quinn, Sr. At the age of six months, his father was the victim of a swimming accident and at the age of four his mother was the victim of a violent crime. His grandfather and grandmother along with his aunt reared him along with siblings.

Mr. Quinn, Jr. attended Beasley High School and after graduation attended Mississippi Valley State University. Being independent and desiring a more challenging life,